

# ***DOD Electronic Commerce AR Day # 1 Action Item Status***

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## **AR Day #1 Action Item Status**

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## **Communications**

**Action item:** Use teams of EDI experts to implement EDI at new sites.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR/EC)

**Status:** ODUSD(AR/EC) is currently developing prototype training modules for 7 USMC bases scheduled for FACNET certification in the months of May and June 1997. The fully developed module will be inserted into the remaining 19 ECIC implementation sites through September 1997. Prototype deployment for the Marine Corps sites is scheduled for April and May 97. Training will consist of joint presentations between ODUSD (AR/EC), the ECRCs, and local outreach organizations.

## **Communications**

**Action item:** Conduct nationwide OSD sponsored conferences to enable networking among DoD people who are implementing and maintaining the EDI environment locally.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR/EC)

**Status:** ODUSD(AR/EC) regularly supports national and international EC related conferences on an invitation basis. Currently, this office is scheduled to participate in 18 events through June 1997 with an estimated total outreach of 3500 government and industry personnel. Historically, ODUSD (AR/EC) has averaged 35 conferences per year since September 1994. There are also plans in place to participate in two major EC related events, CALS EXPO and FEDNET with estimated audience sizes of several thousand.

## **Communications**

**Action item:** Conduct outreach programs for DoD personnel and contractors.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR/EC)

**Status:** ODUSD (AR/EC) provided updated EC related input to AR Day II educational/outreach materials in conjunction with DAU and BRTRC. This information will be distributed to approximately 4500 contracting and acquisition related organizations. This office also plans to mail supplemental EC materials to each of the ECIC implementation sites.

## **Communications**

**Action item:** SYSCOM management must aggressively train people to exploit EC/EDI.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR/EC)

**Status:** ODUSD (AR/EC) is currently developing a training presentation and exhibit to insert at the Spring PEO/SYSCOM conference to be held on April 22 & 23, 1997. The presentation will consist of an overview of DoD EC initiatives.

## **Communications**

**Action item:** Some vendors lack adequate PC/LAN systems. EC/EDI capability may need to be stated as required of suppliers. Encourage lower-tier suppliers to use EDI with primes.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR/EC)

**Status:** A letter is being drafted for PDUSD (A&T) to the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) acknowledging their movement to establish a Supplier Management Council. The letter also encourages the AIA to continue its efforts to institutionalize electronic commerce within the DoD and to work closely with other Industry Associations to foster an increased awareness of EC.

## Infrastructure

**Action item:** Establish procedures and network to enforce a maximum 24 hour delivery of information in each direction (vice up to four days in some cases today).

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D3)

**Status:** The DoD Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Processing Node (ECPN), reached initial operating capability on November 1, 1996. The ECPN represents a significant upgrade from the previous system, with the capability to go from approximately 100,000 transactions a day to 1.5 million per day.



## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Establish procedures so that vendors can verify quotes received by government and so the government can verify RFQs have been received by vendors.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D3)

**Status:** The Current VAN License Agreement (VLA) dated August 1996, requires VANs to provide the Government with mailboxes. These mailboxes are used to ensure performance standards are met and that communications are satisfactory between the public and private sector. The ECPN also provides auditability of transactions across the infrastructure.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Use the Internet, not FACNET, for transmissions (and so eliminate VANs and costly subscriptions paid by small vendors to network intermediaries).

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D6)

**Status:** DISA is in the process of building the necessary fire walls to accommodate the department's use of Internet. It is scheduled in the 4th QTR FY97.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Use the Internet (modifying the rules accordingly) for synopses, solicitations and awards. Use Internet instead of CBD.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D3)

**Status:** DISA is in the process of building the necessary fire walls to accommodate the department's use of Internet. It is scheduled in the 4th QTR FY97.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Eliminate protocol incompatibilities among different networks

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D6)

**Status:** Continue harmonization of UN/EDIFACT to allow utilization of International standards.

## Infrastructure

**Action item:** Some government offices currently retransmit all data in paper form due to unreliability of EDI. Improve the transmission system's reliability.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D3)

**Status:** DISA continues to monitor sites total number of Request for Quotes, versus Purchase Orders. Highlight discrepancies to service/agencies to advise sites of the enhanced capability of the ECPN in respect to the total EC/EDI RFQ/PO process.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Require VANs to meet performance standards.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA (D3)

**Status:** DISA continues to re-certify DoD VANs under the new VLA, and monitor their compliance with the more stringent requirements. As of January 23, 1997, 57 organizations have signed the new VLA (Dated August 1996). Included in this number are 30 VANs that were previously certified under the old VLA.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Integrate the systems (FIS, FOCAS, PMRS, SPECSINTACT, etc) that facilitate EC.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** DISA

**Status:** ODUSD(AR/EC) and DISA (D7) continue to work with the appropriate Principal Staff Assistants (PSAs) to ensure EC/EDI is inserted into their migration systems.

## **Infrastructure**

**Action item:** Replace APADE with Windows-based standard procurement tool.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD (AR/EC), DISA (D3), (D6), & (D7),

**Status:** A meeting was held on January 30, 1997, between the SPS Program Manager and representatives of ODUSD(AR/EC) and DISA. Initial deployment of SPS to Navy sites using APADE is expected in 1997.



## **Miscellaneous**

**Action item:** The Contractor Central Registration (CCR) Form is too long. Break the form into two separate, shorter forms (government and contractor required data); assign this mission to Defense Logistics Supply Center.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR)

**Status:** Registration forms have been streamlined. A memorandum of agreement for CCR Operational Support was completed Nov. 19, 1996 among DUSD(AR), DISA, and DLA. DLSC is providing customer support, access control and data dissemination.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Action item:** Eliminate blank lines before forms are transmitted (vendors pay money for all that is transmitted, including many useless blank lines).

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR)

**Status:** ODUSD(AR/EC) will issue a letter to each CDA requesting an estimated completion date, and a milestone plan by the end of the 2nd QTR FY97.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Action item:** Interface CCR with APADE so vendors are automatically loaded upon registration.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR)

**Status:** ODUSD(AR/EC) is working with all of the Services to ensure access to CCR data. Documentation is being drafted and is due to be developed by February 28, 1997. ODUSD (AR/EC) will work with the Services to coordinate timely implementation.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Action item:** Waive FAR requirement that only vendors registered in CCR are eligible to receive awards.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR)

**Status:** The DoD Comptroller and the Director, Defense Procurement are drafting language requiring registration prior to receiving solicitations and payment.

## Miscellaneous

**Action item:** EC/EDI does not effectively support contracting efforts with extensive drawings and specifications, such as construction and certain service contracts. Make EC/EDI more versatile.

**Assigned:** October 9, 1996

**Responsibility:** ODUSD(AR)

**Status:** On January 23, 1997, ODUSD(AR/EC) signed a memorandum of agreement with the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Under this agreement, ODUSD(AR/EC) will fund a prototype effort to provide technical data via the Internet, to be used in conjunction with FACNET. The prototype should be operational by September 1997.